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## TEUTONS CONCLUDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST MAIN SERBIAN ARMY

GERMAN FORCES USED IN THIS CAMPAIGN WILL NOW JOIN BULGARIANS IN AN EFFORT TO CRUSH BRITISH AND FRENCH.

Bulgarian Infantry Said to Have Mutinied When Ordered to Gallipoli to Fight with the Turks, and Three Hundred of Mutineers Were Shot—Allied Press Still Demanding More Vigorous Methods to Induce Greece to Comply with Demands of Entente Powers—German Lines in France and Belgium Being Heavily Reinforced, According to Holland Reports—Berlin Claims Capture of French Trenches by Germans in Champagne District—Germany to Participate in Mesopotamia Campaign on Large Scale, German Field Marshal von der Goltz Being in Command of Turkish Forces There

London, Dec. 7.—The campaign against the main Serbian army is now closed and it is expected that the German forces there will join the Bulgarians in Macedonia in an effort to crush the French and British armies there before they become much stronger. Distrust of Greece by the entente press continues, notably the French and Italian newspapers, which urge more vigorous measures to induce Greece to comply with the allies' demands.

An unconfirmed report says a Bulgarian infantry regiment mutinied when ordered to Gallipoli to fight with the Turks. Three hundred mutineers are said to have been shot.

The German lines in France and Belgium have been heavily reinforced within the past fortnight, say Holland reports.

Berlin reports the capture of 250 metres of advanced French trenches by the Germans in the Champagne district, while the other fronts are relatively quiet.

German participation on a large scale in the Mesopotamian campaign is probable, according to reports reaching Switzerland, which state that Field Marshal von der Goltz has been appointed commander of the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia.

### Germans Take Ipeka.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Ipeka, Montenegro, fifteen miles from the Serbian border, has been captured by the Germans and twelve hundred prisoners taken.

### French Submarine Destroyed.

Paris, Dec. 7.—The French submarine Fresnel has been destroyed by an Austrian warship, according to a German report. The crew was captured.

### Confer With the Allies.

Athens, Dec. 7.—Premier Skouloudis is announced today that preliminary steps have been taken to hold a conference with the allies' representatives on the entente demands.

### French Forced Back.

Paris, Dec. 7.—The Bulgarians, possibly with the co-operation of the Teutons, have forced the French back in southern Serbia, according to an Athens dispatch. The Serbian retreat into Albania is hampered by the cold weather. There are now one hundred thousand Serbian troops and twenty thousand refugees.

### Delays Opening Duma.

Petrograd, Dec. 7.—A rescript by Emperor Nicholas has postponed indefinitely the opening of the duma and council of the empire, scheduled for tomorrow. The reason given is because the budget committee has not yet completed the preparation of the budget.

### King Constantine's Message.

Athens, Dec. 7.—Constantine I, king

### MERCHANTS MEET TONIGHT

Advertising Campaign for December 15 Has Already Begun.

All merchants who are participating in the Ardmore Bargain Day plan for Wednesday, December 15, will meet with the Business Men's association tonight at the court house at eight o'clock promptly, when the final arrangements will be made.

Secretary Gilbert of the association is busy advertising in the county and left with his force and thousands of bills, which are to be posted throughout the territory. He will return, however, in time for the meeting tonight.

President Krueger of the Business Men's association is anticipating a tremendous crowd on Bargain Day. "The merchants are going to make it a red letter day for the shoppers," said Mr. Krueger, "and every one of them has entered into the spirit of the idea and is going to give the shoppers something for their money. We are all determined to show the people of this territory that we appreciate their trade, and there will be bargains in every line, and real bargains at that. It will pay everybody to wait until that time to spend their Christmas money."

## HELP TO FILL ALL THE EMPTY STOCKINGS

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY WILL PLACE BOXES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AT VARIOUS PUBLIC PLACES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

Mrs. Julius Kahn, president of the Benevolent Society has started a campaign to eliminate the empty stocking in Ardmore this Christmas. She will accept all contributions, and in addition will place boxes at various public places in the city where all who desire may drop their nickles, dimes, and quarters to help combat this condition.

Last year the ladies of the benevolent society were very successful in their effort to eliminate the empty stocking and hope that they will be assisted as nobly this year.

There are several dependent families on their list, and they hope to make the day one of happiness, and will, if the good people of the city will rally as nobly to their support this year as they have in the past. Any one desiring to contribute to this cause may do so by mailing check either to her or to Mrs. Curtis, probation officer and they assure the public that it will be put to good use.

The time is drawing near and they hope that the citizens will not delay this matter another hour.

## AMERICA FIRM IN DEMANDS FOR RECALL

WILSON HAS APPROVED SECRETARY LANSING'S DECISION REGARDING WITHDRAWAL OF GERMAN ATTACHES.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Secretary of State Lansing informed Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today that the withdrawal of Boy-Ed and von Papen was requested because of their military and naval activities. The information was immediately forwarded to Berlin.

The German ambassador refused to comment.

President Wilson has approved Secretary Lansing's decision and it is stated that it will be adhered to, regardless of what Germany does.

Liven up your business—try the Want Ads.

## LARGE CROWDS HEAR MESSAGE

GALLERIES UNUSUALLY WELL FILLED TODAY TO HEAR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

## RECEIVES APPLAUSE

Wilson's Reference to "United States Aid But Not Coercion" of Mexico and America Standing on Equal Footing Brings Applause.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The diplomatic gallery was unusually well filled and other reserved places crowded by government officials and their wives to hear President Wilson read his annual message to congress.

Mrs. Galt was present in the executive gallery. Everybody arose when the president arrived. He began reading the message shortly after 12:30. He was frequently applauded, especially when he alluded to "United States aid but not coercion" of Mexico, and his reference to the American continent standing on a footing of genuine equality.

His reference to national defense was listened to with especial attention. Reference to the army and navy program passed without applause.

### Ford's Peace Wireless.

Washington, Dec. 7.—A wireless from Henry Ford today asked congress to support the Ford peace plan.

## KELLY BROWN TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

ASKS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO NAME SUCCESSOR FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM. FRANKLIN BOURLAND NAMED.

Kelly Brown who was elected as representative from Carter county at the last general election, has tendered his resignation to the board of county commissioners and asked that body to name his successor for the unexpired term. The resignation was accepted this morning, and W. Franklin Bourland was named as his successor.

Shortly after the close of the last session of the legislature, Mr. Brown moved to Muskogee, where he formed a law partnership and so much of his time is taken up with private affairs that he has concluded to sever his citizenship in this county and take up his abode permanently there. Mr. Bourland is one of the best known citizens in the state, he is thoroughly conversant with Indian affairs and state legislation and will worthily fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mr. Brown.

Commissioner Young stated that there was no doubt but what a special session of the legislature would be called, and was satisfied that the board had made the best appointment possible under the circumstances.

### Will Investigate Hatchet Murders

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 6.—A special grand jury convened here today to investigate all forms of crime, including the four mysterious hatchet murders, wherein four Muskogee county citizens were murdered by being chopped to pieces with a hatchet.

### Durant Dairyman Held Up

Durant, Okla., Dec. 6.—This morning at 4 o'clock, Dee Dugger, who was driving his dairy wagon to the city to make his morning deliveries, was held up at the edge of town by an unknown man. The robber relieved him of \$1, all the money he had.

### DALLAS ADMITS LITTLE CHANCE

Although Still Contending They Will Keep Up Fight, See Defeat.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Although Dallas men still contend this afternoon that they have no intention of abandoning their fight for the democratic national convention, several privately expressed the opinion that Dallas' chances of winning were slight.

### Zebidie in Trouble Again.

Zebidie Hurst, a young negro who has figured in several petty thefts in this city, is again in trouble, and this time it looks as if Zeb was in for some time at the reformatory.

Yesterday he concluded that he was in need of some ready cash, and, procuring three of the checks of the Ardmore National bank, proceeded to make them payable to John White, a very familiar name, and signing J. S. McCharen's name to one, tried to secure \$25 from Cashier Maxwell. The signature was not according to records on file and the cash was refused. Mr. Maxwell followed Zeb until Officer McCoy was found, and the policeman promptly placed him under arrest and turned him over to the county.

## MANY NEGROES GOT SOME VERY EASY MONEY

BUT THE LUCRE IS GOING INTO THE COFFERS OF THE MERCHANTS OF THE CITY AT A RAPID RATE.

Oil magnates in the city have nothing on some of the "coons" who collected money from the Santa Fe as a result of the recent disaster, and several of the "splosion niggers" are rejoicing in the liberal settlement made by the railroad company.

When the big blow off took place, a certain dusky individual was in the big pool hall that was wrecked, and where so many negroes were killed and injured, but he managed to escape without a scratch. When he saw how easy it was to get real money for a little limp, he went home and in a few days his wife also found some derangement that they thought could be converted into cash and filed a claim, which was allowed and the money drawn.

This was so easy for that family that they began to take stock of the kids, in order to see if they might not realize some more ready money, but it was discovered that unless they amputated a leg or arm, there would be no chance, as the children were all distressingly healthy, and positively refused to be made a sacrifice for a few paltry dollars.

It will be rather hard for some of these "splosion" negroes to get to work when the money is all gone, but a majority of them will be compelled to do so, as money so easily acquired is just as easily spent, and even at the present time the majority of them are beginning to see great holes "shot" in their bank roll.

## CALLS TEXAS BELGIUM OF SOUTHWEST

GOV. FERGUSON IN INTERVIEW WITH WILSON, SAYS CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED ALONG BORDER RECENTLY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Governor Ferguson of Texas today gave to President Wilson an optimistic view of the conditions along the Mexican border. He said that Texas has been the "Belgium of the Southwest" for a long time, but that recognition of Carranza had gone far toward establishing order.

## PREPAREDNESS SAYS WILSON

PRESIDENT IN HIS ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS URGES MILITARY PREPAREDNESS FOR U. S.

## BIG ARMY INCREASE

Wilson Says Gravest Threats Against National Peace and Safety of United States Have Been Uttered Within Our Own Borders.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Wilson today delivered the following message to congress:

Gentlemen of the Congress: Since I last had the privilege of addressing you on the state of the Union, the war of nations on the other side of the sea, which had then only begun to disclose its portentous proportions, has extended its threatening and sinister scope until it has swept within its flame some portion of every quarter of the globe, not excepting our own hemisphere, has altered the whole face of international affairs, and now presents a prospect of reorganization and reconstruction such as statesmen and peoples have never been called upon to attempt before.

We have stood apart, studiously neutral. It was our manifest duty to do so. Not only did we have no part or interest in the policies which seem to have brought the conflict on; it was necessary, if a universal catastrophe was to be avoided, that a limit should be set to the sweep of destructive war and that some part of the great family of nations should keep the processes of peace alive, if only to prevent collective economic ruin and the breakdown throughout the world of the industries by which its populations are fed and sustained. It was manifestly the duty of the self-governed nations of this hemisphere to redress, if possible the balance of economic loss and confusion in the other, if they could do nothing more. In the day of readjustment and recuperation we earnestly hope and believe that they can be of infinite service.

American Nations Partners. In this neutrality, to which they were bidden not only by their separate life and the habitual detachment from the politics of Europe but also by a clear perception of international duty, the states of America have become conscious of a new and more vital community interest and moral partnership in affairs, more clearly conscious of the many common sympathies and interests and duties which bid them stand together.

There was a time in the early days of our own great nation and of the republics fighting their way to independence in Central and South America when the government of the United States looked upon itself as in some sort the guardian of the republics to the south of her as against any encroachments or efforts at political control from the other side of the water; felt it its duty to play the part even without invitation from them; and I think that we can claim that the task was undertaken with a true and disinterested enthusiasm for the freedom of the Americas and the unmolested self-government of her independent peoples. But it was always difficult to maintain such a role without offense to the pride of the peoples whose freedom of action we sought to protect.

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